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July 25, 2018



Farm Tour and Harvest Sale
Saturday, July 28 (19 farms open)
Sunday, July 29 (13 farms open)

Please check each farm for their hours of operation.

Visit montgomerycountymd.gov/farmtour for map of locations and a downloadable brochure.

Several farms have hayrides, pony rides, music, demonstrations and other fun activities planned. Purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants and more. Spend a day or two in the country petting farm animals or having lunch by a scenic pond. It's an educational experience and a great family day outing.

BlackRock Center for the Arts Summer Concert Series



Saturday, July 28 5:00pm – 9:00pm

Featuring O'Malley's March Concert (Irish Rock), Irish Dance & Bagpipes!

BlackRock welcomes you and families to our first ever Family Fun Festival on our outdoor stage. Picnic blankets and low-back chairs are welcome. Come experience traditional Celtic performances presented by the Culkin School of Irish Dance and a Bagpipe performance by the MacMillan Pipe Band.

Family-friendly activities include caricatures, face painting, henna art and more! Food Trucks, Beer & Wine Garden open at 4:00pm and family-friendly activities begin at 5:00pm.

For more, visit www.blackrockcenter.org

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 7

What is National Night Out?
<https://natw.org/about>

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, many communities celebrate with a variety of events to help neighbors get to know one another and to build community spirit. This will be the 34th year of National Night Out observances that demonstrate a community's commitment to keep their neighborhood free from crime.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (Texas celebrates on the first Tuesday in October).

Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.

See last year's event in one neighborhood <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h35NGJOE3gY>

What will your neighborhood do on August 7?

Notice of Public Forum Proposed Service Changes for Ride On
Wednesday, August 8 6:30pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

In case of inclement weather, the forum will be held on August 9.

A public forum on proposed changes to three Ride On routes will be held on August 8, starting at 6:30pm and ending after the last speaker. Proposed changes will improve service on Routes 43 (new Sunday service), 76 (new Saturday service) and 90 (new midday service). For additional information, please access the Ride On web site at www.rideonbus.com.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to speak at the public forum are requested to submit a written request, on or before August 5, to the Division of Transit Services, Ride On Public Forum, 101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Such requests should include name, home address, telephone number, email address and organization. Individuals signed up to speak must bring two print copies of their testimony for the record.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible but not less than 3 business days prior to the date of the forum. Large print format also is available upon request. Please contact mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Anyone wishing to provide written comments on the proposed service changes may contact Division of Transit Services by 5:00pm on August 17. Comments may be sent by fax, email or mail to:

Division of Transit Services
Ride On Public Forum
101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850
(240) 777-5800 (phone)
(240) 777-5801 (fax)
mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov

All comments will be considered before any changes are finalized.

Proposal to Name New High School for Josiah Henson
*Community invited to attend August 10 screening of new film, Josiah, to learn more about
Reverend Henson's remarkable life*

Council President Hans Riemer and The First Lady of Montgomery County Catherine Leggett [sent a letter](#) to the president and vice president of the Board of Education, Michael Durso and Shebra Evans, urging Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to name the high school that will open on Old Georgetown Road in Rockville for Reverend Josiah Henson. Reverend Josiah Henson lived and labored in the area where Tilden Middle School at Charles W. Woodward now stands. MCPS plans to renovate and re-open a high school at that location in 2022.

Documentary Screening of Josiah
Friday, August 10
Doors open at 7:00pm Film begins at 7:30pm
AFI Silver Theatre & Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring

Henson, whose autobiography helped to end slavery, is known as "one of Montgomery County's greatest unsung heroes." To learn more about Josiah Henson's story and why he is such a pivotal historical figure, Riemer and Leggett invite the community to join them for a screening of the documentary film *Josiah*. *Josiah*, which is a 39-minute documentary, narrated by actor and activist Danny Glover, traces Josiah Henson's harrowing journey from slavery to freedom in Canada and his contributions to the historical forces that lead to the Civil War.

Tickets to see the film are five dollars and are available on the [AFI Silver Theatre website](#) and at the AFI box office.

For more information, visit josiahhenson.com

**Council Approves Legislation to Increase the Number of Affordable Homes
in Montgomery County**

On July 24 the County Council approved legislation to increase the supply of affordable homes. This bill is the first effort in 13 years to update the County's rules for the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) Program. Bill 34-17, Housing – Moderately Priced Dwelling Units – Amendments, adds tools to increase the number of homes that are affordable for families with moderate income.

The County's MPDU law changed the housing landscape when it became law in 1974. However, the County's development patterns and housing industry changed throughout the years. This bill adds needed flexibility to this landmark program to bring it in line with current needs.

Bill 34-17 makes several changes to the County's MPDU law. The legislation creates a new requirement for new housing developments between 11 and 19 homes to make a payment to the Housing Initiative Fund (HIF). It also broadens the authority of the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) to accept Housing Initiative Fund payments in lieu of including MPDUs in a development.

Read details at https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22311

Leggett Applauds Council's Vote to Advance MC's RISE Zone Application, Designation Awaits State Approval

At the request of County Executive Ike Leggett, the Montgomery County Council has unanimously approved a resolution in support of a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) Zone designation for Montgomery College's Germantown campus. RISE Zones are a State of Maryland economic development program that spurs business development near qualified higher education institution or nonprofits through tax credits aimed at key industries.

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and Safeway want you to "Lighten Your Load"

This summer, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Safeway stores are partnering to help save shoppers energy and money on their lighting with "Lighten Your Load" events.

On select days at Safeway locations, bring old incandescent and/or compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs and receive up to three free LED light bulbs and a new, reusable shopping bag. These "Lighten Your Load" events are a way to save on electric bills and ensure that plastics and dangerous substances, like mercury, do not enter the waste stream.

You can swap your old incandescent and/or CFL bulbs for energy-efficient LEDs on Mondays this summer from 4 to 6 p.m. at the following Safeway locations. Look for DEP staff in front of each store:

- **July 30:** [Rockville Safeway](#) at 5510 Norbeck Road, Rockville, 20853
- **August 6:** [Wheaton Safeway](#) at 11201 Georgia Ave, Wheaton, 20902
- **August 13:** [Damascus Safeway](#) at 9807 Main Street, Damascus, 20872
- **August 20:** [Olney Safeway](#) at 3333 Spartan Road, Olney, 20832

Participants can bring as many bulbs as they have available, but during the swap, each family is limited to receiving three free LEDs. All bulbs collected during the swap will be properly recycled or disposed.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>